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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Hudson Valley has inspired artists for centuries, and today I challenge young artists to be inspired by this beautiful region. In an effort to continue our display of artistic excellence, I am pleased to invite your high school students to participate in the 2010 Congressional Art Competition.

High School students who reside in or attend school in the 19th Congressional District are eligible to submit their artwork, which will be selected by jurors for inclusion in the exhibit at the **Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (HVCCA)**. The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol alongside artwork from Congressional Districts throughout the country. The runners-up will have their work displayed in my Congressional offices.

Please read the enclosed 2010 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines carefully, as both the HVCCA and the U.S. Capitol have specific requirements for artwork submission. Participating students must complete the enclosed "Student Information & Release Form" and fax it to my Carmel office at (845) 228-1480, or email in PDF form to genevieve.kessler@mail.house.gov no later than 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. The original form must then be affixed to the back of the artwork. These forms are also available on online at: www.johnhall.house.gov.

Artwork must be delivered by Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 3:00 PM to the HVCCA, located at 1701 Main Street in Peekskill during the hours of Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 6:00 PM. Artwork may also be delivered to either my Goshen or Carmel district offices (addresses above) from Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Artwork will be available for pickup from the HVCCA at the conclusion of the exhibit period on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

I will be hosting an Awards Ceremony and Reception on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:00 PM to honor all participants and to announce the winners. I hope that all participants and their families, teachers, Principals and friends will attend to view this unique showcase. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Genevieve Kessler at 845-225-3641 ext. 49371.

Sincerely.

John J. Hall

Member of Congress